Statement-II

Details of subscriber's base during the last 3 years till date

SI. No	As on	Wired DELs	WLL Connections	Cellular	Grand Total	Vacant Posts	Working Staff
1	Jul-2007	32656215	3676493	28974819	65307527	39,472	3147266
2.	Mar-2007	33738604	3556263	27428658	64723525	33,687	320506
3.	Mar-2006	35422889	2572525	17163761	55159175	36,339	326948
4	Mar-2005	35859482	1628111	9447357	46934950	38,888	339853

1. Creation and filling up of the posts are continuous processes. Due to declining trend of fixed lines, total as well as category-wise vacant posts in all the categories are liable to change as majority of the posts relate to fixed line scenario.

2. There is ban on direct recruitment against Group 'D' posts. The available posts are to be used for regularization of eligible Casual Labourers, compassionate ground appointments and re-deployment of Industrial Staff.

3. Consyquent to restructuring of cadres in Group 'C and 'D' the posts occupied by pre-restructured wasting cadre officials are to be abolished on being vacated by pre-restructured cadre officials due to promotions, retirements etc.

Appointment on compassionate ground

1842. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of applications received from various Departments seeking appointment on compassionate ground during each of the last three years;

(b) the number of persons appointed, applications rejected and pending cases out of the total applications received; and

(c) the reasons for the rejection and pendency of these cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) Details of the cases relating to various Departments of Ministry of Communications and Information Technology are given in the Statement *(See* below).

(c) There are duly empowered Committees which examine applications received for appointment on compassionate grounds keeping in view the guidelines issued by the Government. The Committee considers received/pending cases periodically depending on availability of vacancies and only most indigent cases are recommended for appointment on compassionate grounds. This is an ongoing exercise.

Statement-I

Details of compassionate appointment cases in respect of various departments of Ministry of Communications and Information Technology during each of the last three years

Name of the Department	Year	Total No. of Applications Received	Total No. of Persons Appointed	Total No. of Applications Rejected	Total No. of Applications Pending
Posts	2004	1226	156	1036	119
	2005	1097	246	847	169
	2006	1790	252	1191	410
Information	2004	1	NIL	NIL	1
Technology	2005	3	1	1	1
	2006	3	2	1	1
Telecom	2004	2			
	2005	3			
	2006	3	4*	2*	2*

*Includes total number of persons appointed, applications rejected and pending cases out of the total applications received during each of last three years.

Over-allotment of spectrum

1843. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that GSM telecom companies are trying to get extra 2G spectrum free of charge;

(b) the basis of their demand;

(c) whether their association is using and 'oppressive and unfair' contract to penalize customers;

(d) whether it is also a fact that already extra and over-allotments of spectrum has been done;and

(e) the steps proposed to enhance competition for benefit of Indian public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD):

(a) to (d) No, Sir. The initial spectrum is allotted to the GSM operators in accordance with the relevant provisions of their respective Service Licence Agreements subject to availability of spectrum.

Further, to meet the growth of mobile telecom services, additional spectrum is allotted as per the criteria which prescribe "Active Subscribers" and "Peak traffic" averaged over a month in the Visitor Locator Register (VLR) and Network Management System (NMS) respectively. This allotment of additional spectrum ensures optimal and efficient use of allotted spectrum.